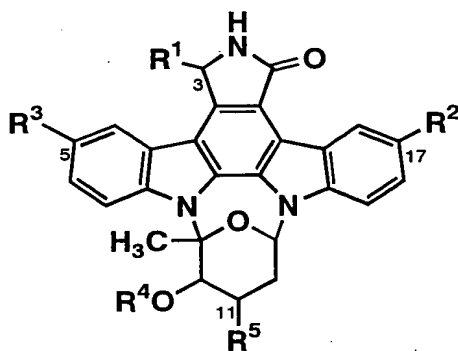


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an antitumor agent comprising a staurosporin derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as an active ingredient, which is represented by the general formula (I):



(I)

wherein R^1 represents hydrogen, hydroxy or lower alkoxy, R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and represent hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, halogen, nitro, formyl, etc., R^4 represents hydrogen, etc., R^5 represents $NR^{11A}R^{12A}$ (wherein R^{11A} and R^{12A} represent hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, etc.), provided that R^2 and R^3 are not simultaneously hydrogen.